

Griff Lines Up Two More at His Athletes—Killefer Denies Alec's Statement

TWO MORE GRIFFMEN READY FOR ACTION

One Sends in Signed Contract
and the Other Agrees to
Terms Offered.

RAPLEY LIKES THE CAMP

National League Has Fewer
Players Satisfied Than Has
Its Rival.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Two more of the 1916 Griffmen have got into line for the coming season.

One signed contract was found in Manager Griffith's morning mail and a letter from another player, accepting terms. The Old Fox immediately forwarded to the latter a contract containing the salary agreed upon.

Six unnamed 1916 players are now sure to be ready for the ringing of the gong. Adding to them Flaherty, the local twirler, Mike Moran, the sandlot infielder, and the four athletes running along on war-time contracts, the Washington club has twelve players available already.

"As these contracts come along," muses Griff, "I have to grin at the loud outbursts from Dave Fulton. He says 'I'm the last one left, don't you see? Well, when I get through he'll have few good laughs coming to him.'"

Like Training Camp.

Harry Rapley, the Washington club's treasurer, has just returned from a short visit to Augusta, Ga., and he has only good things to say of the 1917 training camp of the Griffmen. He says that conditions are excellent in the little Georgia city, and that with any kind of weather the boys should be prepared for the opening of the season.

Mike Martin, mayor of Cherrydale, Va., made plans for furnishing shower baths a plenty at the ball park in Augusta, and they will be waiting for the first bunch of players March 1. Martin expects to reach Augusta a few days before the pitchers arrive, in order to have everything in ship-shape condition.

National Hit Hard.

If the players do go through with their proposed strike, the National League will be hit hard. Unless the American League is in a pact to support the older organization to the end, the fight may develop into one against the Tenor tribe.

At least two American League clubs, Philadelphia and Cleveland, are without Fraternity members. Three of the Indians, Gandil, Speaker, and Roth, are members, but they joined before becoming Indians.

Chicago and St. Louis have few Fraternity enthusiasts. Washington's players are coming into line before becoming "griffs." Little is known of the remaining clubs, though several Tigers have forsworn allegiance to the Fraternity.

Only Two Are Out.

Only two of the Giants, Hoelke and Robertson, are unsigned, but the Giants alone of the National League Club are as prepared for eventualities.

The Phillies' star, Alexander, is a hold-out unless salary demands are granted. Brooklyn has at least eleven rebels. The Braves are in a similar condition. Pittsburgh has three men in line. The Cardinals have one and the Cubs and Reds one or two each.

The Cubs are due to leave for California February 20. If the players refuse to report by that date, the baseball world will know what to expect.

Crane Starts Talk.

The acquisition of Sam Crane by the Griffmen in exchange for Barber, Bentley, and Williams, has started a lot of talk in town. Many believe the newcomer will be a regular from the jump.

When with Dunn's Richmond Internationals in 1915 Crane did not impress one as a hitter. He was given a short trial with the Mackmen and then returned to Dunn, who had gone lame with a big league.

The newest Griffman is a rangy chap, has a good whip, is fast on his feet, and may hit. It is this last "may" that causes all the talk among the local fans. To make a successful battle for high rank in the American League, a club must have pitching and hitting. Washington now has the pitching. It needs the hitting. If Crane can hit for .250 and equal McBride at shortstop, he will hold his own.

TO REPLACE CORNELL

Columbia Will Be Given Rowing Date With Harvard.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 29.—There is a probability that Harvard and Cornell will not row this spring for the first time since 1905. There is a hitch between the two management men over a mutually agreeable date, and with the persistent reports that Harvard and Columbia are to row the Charles River basin in May, it now appears as if Harvard is going to pass up the chance to go to Ithaca. In twelve years of rowing Cornell has won nine races.

Manager Percival S. Howe, of Harvard, would neither affirm or deny the report that there would be no race this spring. "I have had no correspondence with any of our prospective opponents," he said. "The advisory rowing committee is still considering the make-up of the schedule, and until they have decided on it there is nothing I can say."

A probable Harvard schedule this spring will be an April meeting with Amherst on the Hversum, a race with Columbia and other opponents late in May and the customary brushes with Yale.

TECH ON LOOKOUT FOR TRACK COACH

Mike Martin's Name Suggested
But No Action Has Been
Taken.

CHIP OFF OLD BLOCK

Bernie Wefers, Jr., Chasing Father's
Record on Track.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

A chip off the old block is Bernie Wefers, Jr., the sprinter, who has matriculated at Columbia College.

Since the son of the New York Athletic Club and Fordham University coach took up athletic competition, a little more than one year ago, he has enjoyed a remarkably successful career. In all his races in closed and open competition he has never failed to earn a place in the final heat.

After less than six months' competition, young Wefers last July lowered the schoolboy 100-yard time to 6:10 1-5.

Navy May Invite

A. N. Prep To Play

Colliflower to See Today If En-

gagement Can Be Made

for Winning Five.

The Army and Navy Preparatory School basketball team, unbeaten in seven starts this season, has attracted the attention of basketball followers at the Naval Academy. Coach Jim Colliflower, of the Navy team, wants a worthy opponent for his plebe team and will ask an invitation for the A. N. Prep for a game to be played February 7.

The Preps have had an unusually successful season riding rough shod over all opponents. Unfortunately the Preps are not listed to play either Central or Friends and so no comparison can be made of the strength of the three eleven other than that Friends was set back by the Central team.

Western Invited.

Last year the Naval Academy authorities invited the Western High School to play the Plebe team. Western's five went down to defeat before practically the same team that has won nine straight for the Navy this year.

Welch, Clarke, Martin, Von Leimborg, and Staub were the members of the Plebe team last year. Three of these players have been on the victorious Navy quint this season. The Navy coach will know definitely in a day or so whether the Preps will be asked to bring their team to the Academy for a game.

Games Scheduled.

Several attractive games are scheduled for the week. Today the academy Gonsaga team plays the Georgetown Freshman five in Ryan gym. These teams will come right back for another battle on Friday afternoon at Gonsaga.

Tomorrow the Business-Technical engagement, postponed from last week, will go on the boards. This game will wind up the first half of the schoolboy series.

On Wednesday Army and Navy Prep play St. Albans in the Army and Navy Prep gymnasium. Teams take Easter until Friday, when Central and Eastern play, and Western and Tech take the floor in a double-header at the Y. M. C. A.

Announced Game.

Central announced a game with Episcopal High School for this week, but seems to have overlooked the fact that the Friday engagement was scheduled with Eastern. Saturday Tech plays St. Albans in the Epiphany gymnasium.

One or two games may be arranged during the week by the high school. An effort to strengthen several of the weaker fives will be made in the next few days, owing to the fact that the mid-year marks go in.

SCOTT WON'T SIGN

World's Champions' Star Shortstop Declines Salary Cut.

BOSTON, Jan. 29.—Everett Scott, the crack shortstop of the Red Sox, has refused to stand a cut in his salary. His unsigned contract for 1917 has arrived here, accompanied by a short note expressing his attitude. He makes no mention of the salary offered, merely saying that the salary offered does not come up to his expectations. Scott, it is understood, has been offered less money than he drew last season.

"I have no doubt but that Scott will get into line," says President Frazee. "We shall get together over this salary matter."

SIGNS UP METRIE

Milwaukee Lightweight Joins Lichtenstein's String.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Larney Lichtenstein, Chicago promoter and manager of Ad Wolfst, has added another promising lightweight to his string. Today he signed Charlie Metrie, Milwaukee idol.

Metrie is matched to meet Sailor Kirke, coast lightweight, before the National A. C. at Denver February 5, over the 15-round route. Both boys have agreed to make 135 pounds. Metrie has gone through thirty-three battles undefeated.

GETS TWO MACKMEN.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 29.—Plans for the strengthening of the Harrisburg club of the New York State League, were announced here today by Manager Cockill, who stated he had secured several new players for the team.

Among these are Tom Volts and Tom Healey, who Cockill secured from the Philadelphia Athletics. Volts was farmed to this city for the season, and Healey was purchased outright. No sum was mentioned.

HOLDS TO FRATERNITY.

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 29.—Milton Stock, third baseman of the Philadelphia National League club, wintering here, said today that he would stand by the players' fraternity until the difference between the players and owners were settled. A contract sent Stock by the Philadelphia club has been returned.

MEET ON ALLEYS IN FINAL GAMES

Keane's Grand Centrals and
Southeast All-Stars Finish
Series Tomorrow.

ROANOKE BOWLERS TO MEET LOCALS

Royals and Casinos Engage
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Tomorrow night will see the conclusion of the ten-game duckpin series between Tom Keane's Grand Centrals, of the National Capital League, and the Southeast All-Stars, picked from the Southeast League.

Five games will be rolled on the Grand Central alleys, starting at 7:30. Keane's team enters the final set more than 190 pins to the good, and probably will win easily. The Southeasters, however, are a capable lot of bowlers and can be expected to put up a good performance.

When Iseman's Crescents rolled the Marlinsburg Palace team here Thursday, Harry Stanford, the local star, accomplished an unusual feat which was generally overlooked. He rolled thirteen consecutive boxes, starting with the first frame of his opening game, without leaving a pin standing. This doubtless is a record.

When Johnny Vasth rolls tomorrow against the Southeast All-Stars there will be many on hand to see how far the Grand Central crack will carry his present sensational streak. He has averaged 123 for his last twenty-one games.

Now comes a challenge to the Royals from far-away Anacostia from an all-star combination managed by Walter Scott. The latter wishes to arrange a match for some Thursday night to be rolled on the Roanoke alleys.

Unless all signs fall Maryland State College is coming in for the cream in a year so. Curley Byrd's teams are getting better. The States are developing athletically as well as financially. They will have a big stadium shortly. They meet all comers, and have no crows to pick with anyone. Catholic University and Georgetown have severed relations with each other, Virginia does not play either in any branch of sport. Maryland State authorities are keen to see Virginia as a drawing card here, and it but a matter of a year or so for the farsighted ones before State will be skimming the financial cream of athletic relations with Virginia.

This is a peaceful land, except on the diamond.

Next Saturday's duckpin matches between the Royals, strongest bowling combination of Washington, and a crack Roanoke team, and between the Casinos, of this city, and the Virginians, will serve to show how local talent compares with out-of-town ability. Local bowlers, and rightfully so, have come to believe that the National Capital boasts the best duckpin rollers in the country. Roanoke takes pride in a number of pinbusters that are believed there to be the equal of any team that can be placed in competition by Washington. It will be known whether this be so or not after the Roanoke bunch has encountered the Royals and Casinos. The Royals compose undoubtedly the most skilled quint that ever represented this city, and the Casinos, while not so strong as the Royals, are capable of giving them a tough battle.

Army and Navy men are eagerly scanning the list of casualties. This is known as the "blighting" season, when flunkers are either dropped or set back a class.

Here's a quiet tip. Watch Central's basketball team. The dark blue youngsters succeeded in staving off Baltimore City College, no mean feat by the way. Central has improved in every contest, which is more than can be said of several other high school quintets striving for the title. Central has lost two games in the title race, but the ground can be regained if the leader slips down a trifle. It would not be surprising to see Tech drop a contest before the end of the year. The next Tech-Central battle is going to be a real one if present indications are to be taken for what they are really worth.

The next to the last we heard of Ted Meredith he had pneumonia. The last we heard was that he had galloped in ahead of several cracks in a special 600. Some comeback.

The freshman rule adopted by colleges several years ago has done much more for varsity athletics than was ever expected. Football, baseball, basketball and track teams composed of freshmen have their own coaches and schedules, and have developed fine athletes for the varsity. It was a wise rule and worked well to the eventual advantage of all the colleges in that it precluded the possibility of athletes jumping from team to team. In addition the freshman coaches have followed varsity methods so that the athletes delivered over in their second year are ready in every respect.

FOSTER TO RETURN Joe Wood May Not Be Given Chance Now With Champions.

BOSTON, Jan. 29.—George Foster, star pitcher of the Red Sox in 1915, has benefitted so much by a treatment for his ailing wing that he has notified President Frazee that he will report at Hot Springs, Ark., when the call to arms sounds. His reappearance may vitally change the status of Joe Wood, another veteran Red Sox pitcher.

Foster intended to retire. He injured his arm last season, and was compelled to drop out of competition. Then Joe Wood, who did not play ball in 1915, entered into negotiations with his old club, and it was announced that he would be given an opportunity to show his class at the training camp.

The announcement today that Foster is able to pitch may result in a failure for Wood. "Smoky" Joe is known to be asking a high salary.

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Some idea as to how the Royal duckpin team of this city compares with the best out-of-town talent in the South Atlantic section will be known next Saturday, when a crack combination of Roanoke, Va., comes here for an engagement. It will be the opening five games of a ten-game match, the second half to be contested at Roanoke.

Roll Casinos.

The visitors will roll the Royals at the Royal at 2:30 in the afternoon, and the Casinos, on the Casino alleys, at 7:30 p. m. The Casinos are mostly responsible for the Roanoke visit as they journeyed to the Virginia town sometime ago and battled the same team.

On this occasion the Roanoke bowlers obtained one game of 619 and averaged around 565 for the match. It is to be seen from this that the Royals and Casinos will have no "easy pickings" in Saturday's competition.

Big Stakes Up.

It is understood that handsome stakes are up on the matches.

With the unprecedented scores made this season by the Royals, Harry Kraus, Harry Halley, Harry Stanford, J. Bernard Carroll, and Earl Lewis, local bowlers have looked forward to the time when these stars should show their worth against out-of-town competition.

Many believe that the Royal team is the strongest in the country, and the Roanoke match may be the first step toward determining whether or not it is. A match is pending with an all-star combination of Baltimore, which, should it be rolled, would be enough to show the city can produce enough bowling talent to overcome the local champions.

With victories over Baltimore and Roanoke, it is to be assumed that Halley would lead his rollers into other such contests, although the veterans make no statement with reference to the future.

Following Saturday night's rolling the Roanokes, Royals, and Casinos will join in a banquet at the Ebbitt.

CHARGES UP TODAY

Boxing Commissioner Wenck Accused of Asking a Bribe.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Charges preferred against Fred Wenck, chairman of the New York State Boxing Commission, will be brought up for hearing here today.

Wenck is charged by Harry Pollock, John White, and Patrick T. Powers and Emil Fuchs with having solicited a bribe in return for a boxing license for bouts at Madison Square Garden.

Legal adviser to Governor Whitman, will hear the charges.

WHERE THEY ROLL.

National Capital—Dumbarton vs. Columbians, at Georgetown.

District—Shermans vs. Westons, at Royal.

Masonic—National vs. Columbia, at Royal.

Commercial—Evening Star vs. Washington Railway A. C., at Palace.

Agriculture—Interbureau—States Relations vs. Chemistry, at Casino.

Red Men—Logan vs. Seneca: White Eagle vs. Osceola; Idaho vs. Minneola, at Jitneys.

Postoffice—Registry vs. Carriers M. O., at Postoffice.

Navy Yard—Radio vs. Torpedo, at Capital Hill.

Capitol Hill—Marines vs. Jays, at Capitol Hill.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing—Machinists vs. Tigers, at Rathskeller.

Georgetown Commercial—Cavanaugh and Kendrick vs. Potomac Bank, at Georgetown.

Southeast—Baby Grands vs. Tenzorians, at Southeast.

Departmental—Treasury vs. Commissioners, at Palace.

Capital City—Jewels vs. Bureaus, at Rathskeller.

At Arcade—Florists vs. Pirates, at Arcade.

Columbia—Columbians vs. Cannons, at Columbia.

Fourth Street—Allies vs. Kellys, at Garrison.

Interstate—Claims vs. Fourth Section, at Arcade.

Bureau of Standards—Sharpshooters vs. Midgets, at Arcade.

Southern Railway—Law vs. Treasurers; Managers vs. Auditors; Passenger Traffic vs. The Timbers, at Palace.

Omo Class—Tigers vs. Braves, at Brightwood.

Washington City Tennis—Agriculture vs. Commissioners, at Royal.

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The legal proceedings which kept Killefer away from the field, also amounted to a \$100,000 settlement paid by the Philadelphia club. Killefer, therefore, was an expensive luxury, although he could not pitch. Alexander in the 1915 world's series. President Baker recently sent a \$2,000 contract to Killefer, which covered the seasons of 1917, 1918, 1919. Killefer naturally found fault with the cut in his pay, but inasmuch as the salaries of the Phillies last year amounted to \$100,000, actual figures, Baker is determined to pay less money to several players including Killefer, who it seems has been fairly treated.

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Johnson Highest Salaried.

Walter Johnson, of the Washington club, is the highest salaried pitcher in baseball. He received \$12,500 last year. When the time comes to sign again with Clark Griffith, Johnson will be forced to accept a substantial reduction.

Alexander isn't worth a dollar more than Johnson. He is a wonderful pitcher and a fine fellow. He is highly regarded by Baker and Pat Moran, and as soon as he arrives in Philadelphia for a talk, there is no doubt that he will sign a contract that will be entirely satisfactory.

Will Enforce Contract.

The new form of players' contract which has been adopted by the major leagues will be enforced to the letter by the magnates. It contains the ten-day release notice to which numerous players are objecting.

Already the National League club owners have been asked to stand pat, and seven of them are on record in favor of making their players accept the new contract without easures.

The American League club owners will follow suit as soon as President Johnson puts the matter up to them. For many weeks eminent attorneys retained by the National Commission worked over the new contract, and when it had been drafted both major leagues formally adopted it. For that reason the magnates see no reason why they should wince out to them clauses at the request of their players.

If the contract is fair for one man it is fair for all. It would be poor policy to make concessions to some players simply to get them in line. Objections to the release clause are prevalent, but it cannot be denied that it is a good thing for baseball.

ACCEPT CHALLENGE

Lamy and Mathisen Willing to Race Norval Baptie.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The sweeping challenge of Norval Baptie, who claims the world's speed skating championship, in which he offered to race any skater any distance for any amount of money, has aroused echoes on many an indoor sheet of ice hereabouts, and has already drawn replies and acceptances from two whirlwind skaters. One is Oscar Mathisen, and the other is Edmund Lamy.

Mathisen, who has just abandoned the world's amateur skating championship and will race his first professional contest at Minneapolis against John Nilsson February 1, is a former champion of the world. Baptie has not skated a professional race since then. Two years later Lamy beat Wood at Saranac Lake in four out of six races, which, the former says, decided the world's championship.

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